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SERVICE. A Bible Study.

Intro. Since theme of Convention is SERVICE, and since all the principal addresses will conform to the theme, perhaps a profitable Bible study would be one on the subject.

Dictionary Definition.

SERVE.

1. To work for; to labor in behapf of; to exert oneself continuously or statedly for; in a religious sense, to obey and worship.
"God is my witness whom I serve with my spirit."
Rom. 1:9.
"No man can serve two masters." Matt. 6:24

2. To perform the duties belonging to; or required in or for; hence, to be of use to; to benefit.

SERVICE.

1. Act of serving; the performance of labor for the benefit of another, or at another's command.
Also, spiritual obedience and love.
"O God...whose service is perfect freedom".
Bk of Common Prayer.

7. Useful office; that which promotes interest or happiness; benefit.

What Young's Analytical Concordance to th Bible shows.
Serve is used over 250 times.
Service over 100 times.
Servant over 800 times.

Then our dictionary definition and the Bible references reveal the fact that there are other terms that express service besides the word service.
Work, Love, follow, go, do, give, minister, help, bring, etc. and any more besides.

Impossible to read all the 1200 references and the as many other passages of scripture that deal with the subject.

But one can take his Bible and turn to its abridged Concordance, and pick out the few essential passages.

I shall merely suggest a few passages picked at ramdom that will help you to gain a comprehensive understanding of Service, so far as the Bible teachings indicate.

Jn. 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.
Obedience and love. Personal conduct.

Jn. 5:17 My Father works until now, and I work.
Co-operation with God. Doing the will of God.

Mk. 16:15 Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.
Missionary service.

Mt. 25,:49 Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."
Helping others. Charity and benevolence.

Mt. 7:12 Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto y you, do ye even also unto them.
Consideration of others.
Square dealing. Personal favors.

Parable of the Talents.
Consecration of personal talents for efficient service.

Rich Young Ruler - Go and sell what thuou hast and give it to the poor, and come and follow me.
Personal consecration and consecration of one's possessions.